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For: ACRYLIC PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, delete the first full paragraph and insert the following paragraph:

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The present invention provides a process of producing an acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive comprising continuously feeding a monomer mainly comprising at least one alkyl (meth)acrylate, a radical polymerization initiator and carbon dioxide to a continuous reactor through a mixer and performing continuous bulk polymerization at a polymerization temperature of 50 to 180°C for a residence time of 0.5 to 200 minutes in a continuous reaction zone of the reactor. The present invention also provides an acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive obtained by the process. The acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive comprises preferably 10% by weight or less,